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**Legal Notice: Opportunity to Comment  
Steamboat Resort Improvements Project  
USDA Forest Service  
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland  
Albany County, Wyoming**

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland is inviting public comment and participation in an environmental analysis for Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation (Steamboat) to upgrade and improve the ski area.

The purpose of and need for the project is established by the Forest Service's responsibility to respond to proposals to develop, maintain, and revise land use plans on National Forest System lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The purpose of Steamboat's proposal is to:

- Support Forest Service permittee and partner in providing winter-based recreation opportunities. This project, along with the 2018 EIS, would help increase business resilience to shifts in visitor/guest use and changing/irregular weather patterns.
- Provide a range of winter-resort based opportunities and amenities to forest visitors to the ski area, from beginner to expert.
- Ensure facilities and enhancements align with Steamboat's Master Development Plan.
- Improve access to Sunshine Peak and reduce ingress/egress time to this area.
- Provide for a better managed, yet natural appearing, experience in the Fish Creek Canyon area. This will allow qualified skiers and riders to access more advanced terrain and reduce safety and rescue concerns and in Fish Creek Canyon.

Steamboat proposes the following projects to address those intentions:

- Terrain and Road Improvements
- Lift Network Improvements
- Sunshine Peak Snowmaking
- Sunshine Restaurant
- Potable Water and Utilities

A project specific forest plan amendment is being proposed to address project activities proposed in proximity of known active and inactive raptor nests.

A notice of proposed action with details and a map is available for review online at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58336>. The contents of the notice of proposed action are also available to review within an interactive viewer here: <https://arcg.is/q8qrH>.

To further inform the public of the project and answer questions, the Forest Service is planning to host a virtual public meeting on July 17th, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The meeting will be accessible both online and via telephone. It will consist of two brief presentations of the proposed actions at 4:00 and 5:15, followed by question and answer sessions. Further information about the virtual public meeting and this project can be found online on the project webpage (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58336>).

Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Erica Dickerman at [erica.dickerman@usda.gov](mailto:erica.dickerman@usda.gov) or by phone at (970) 870-2185.

The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and subject to the objection process described in 36 CFR 218 and 219. The Forest Service is combining scoping with the legal notice and opportunity to comment, consistent with §218.24 and §219.16. The public is encouraged to provide specific written comments on this proposal, including supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Specific written comments should be within the scope of and have a direct relationship to the proposed action.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in *The Laramie Boomerang*. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under §218.8 and §219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunity. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a)(3) and §219.53(a), including that each individual or representative from each entity submitting written comments must provide the name and postal address of the individual or entity submitting the comment, and either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Names, contact information, and comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Written or electronic comments concerning this project will be accepted. Written comments should be submitted by mail to Steamboat Resort Improvements, c/o Erica Dickerman, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, WY 82070-6535. Comments may also be submitted online here: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=58336>.

This legal notice also serves to notify and invite public comment on the proposal as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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